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THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.**  
AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £1,500,000  
PAID-UP ..... £500,000  
BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.  
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.  
ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months ..... 4 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 3 " "  
" 3 " ..... 2 " "  
DEPOSITS RENEWED ON OLD TERMS.  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1895. [18]

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ..... £800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £250,000  
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.  
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 3 " "  
" 3 " ..... 2 " "  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [925]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £5,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... £10,000,000  
COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
J. KRAMER, Esq., Chairman.  
A. McCOWAT, Esq., Deputy Chairman.  
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Esq., S. C. Michaelson, Esq.,  
G. B. Dodwell, Esq., D. R. Sassoon, Esq.,  
M. D. Ezekiel, Esq., N. A. Slebs, Esq.,  
R. M. Gray, Esq.  
CHIEF MANAGER:  
Hongkong: T. JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai: W. M. BEVIS, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS:—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 24th September, 1895. [483]

**HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.**  
THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.  
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per cent. per annum.  
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.  
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [484]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.**  
Authorised Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... £500,000  
HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.  
Court of Directors:  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.  
H. Stollmeyer, Esq.,  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,  
Chow Tung Sheng, Esq.,  
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
CHIEF MANAGER:  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.  
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [17]

## Amusements.

### NOTICE.

**THE POSTPONED CONCERT IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF THE ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 4th October, 1895. His Excellency Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., will take the Chair at 9.30 P.M.  
Hongkong, 27th September, 1895. [1324]

## Notice of Firms.

### NOTICE.

**DURING THE Temporary Absence of Mr. C. F. GROSSMANN, Mr. C. THEIL, is Authorized to Sign our Firm by Procuration.**  
GROSSMANN & Co.  
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1895. [1318]

### NOTICE.

**WE have this Day Authorized Mr. LEOP. I. R. SPATZ, to Sign our Firm by Procuration.**  
H. H. KIRCH & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st October, 1895. [1345]

## Masonic.

**ROTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 254.**

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FRANKLIN HALL, Zeland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th Oct., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. cordially. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 24th September, 1895. [1334]

## Intimations.

**BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.**  
83, Queen's Road Central.  
Sole Eastern Agents for  
SPRINTON GRIP ARMOURD HOSE.  
"SNOWDRIFT," SNOWDON, SONS & Co.  
Sole Eastern Agents for  
THE NEW WIRE WOVE ROOFING CO.  
THE ALUMINIUM & GENERAL FOUNDRY CO.  
  
SPECIAL DAGGER PACKING FOR HIGH PRESSURE, ROUND OR SQUARE.  
ASBESTOS PACKINGS of every description.  
ASBESTOS SHEETS, MILLBOARDS, CANVAS, &c.  
ASBESTOS COMPOSITION for COVERING BOILERS and STEAM PIPES.  
CANVAS CORE PACKING (Tuck Form). SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.  
ASBESTOLINE, the most economical lubricant.  
ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.  
W. JACKSON, Manager.  
Hongkong, 26th September, 1895. [189]

# PATRONS

OF THE H.K. HOTEL ARE RESPECTFULLY INFORMED THAT A BILLIARD HANDICAP WILL SHORTLY COMMENCE THERE.  
FIRST PRIZE:—A GOLD WATCH.

## MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG, A. B. C. Code.  
TELEPHONE, No. 35.  
THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN QUEEN'S ROAD.  
TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.  
ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in PRIVATE DINING ROOMS.  
For further Particulars apply to  
THE MANAGER, MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.  
Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [1845]

## KELLY & WALSH, LD.

INDIAN CLUBS of Various Weights.

### DUMB-BELLS.

POKER CHIPS, CARD COUNTERS.  
DRAUGHTS, CHESS, DOMINOS.  
PLAYING CARDS, FOSTER'S WHIST CARDS.  
BEZIQUE, KHANNOO, REVERSI.  
HALMA, DUMBLEPUFF, FLITTERKINS.  
CRIBBAGE BOARDS, DICE BOXES, DICE.  
WHIST MARKERS, POCKET CHESS.  
COMPENDIUM OF GAMES, CROQUET.  
THE NEW RACING GAME "ASCOT".  
THE WHITELY EXERCISER.

DOG CHAINS, LEATHER LEADERS for DOGS.  
FOOTBALLS, TENNIS RACKETS, TENNIS BALLS.  
TENNIS NETS and POLES, RACKET PRESSES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, 15th September, 1895. [16]



## ST. RAPHAEL WINE.

A STRENGTHENING

DIGESTIVE TONIC WINE.

PRESCRIBED FOR BRONCHITIS, MALARIA and DURING CONVALESCENCE.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.

18, QUEEN'S ROAD. SOLE AGENTS. TELEPHONE No. 75.  
Hongkong, 24th September, 1895. [919]

## FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. plants ..... \$35 per case.


do " " quarts ..... \$35 "

SHEWAN & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th May, 1895. [1344]

## Intimations.

**ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.**  
INSURE YOUR LIFE AGAINST FATAL ACCIDENT BY SUBSCRIBING TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."  
THE SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY WILL PAY THE SUM OF \$1,000 MEXICAN.  
As the legal representatives of the European holder of the Coupon in the event of his death by accident while on land within the confines of HONGKONG or any Treaty Ports of CHINA or JAPAN, or the immediate neighbourhood thereof, provided that the Name and Address of the said holder appears in the List of European Subscribers to the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" as furnished to the Company for the Three Months ending 31st December, 1895; that the premium thereon has been duly paid; that death takes place within One Month from the occurrence of the Accident, and that notice of death, with full particulars, is sent within fourteen days of its happening to Mr. J. Y. V. VERNON, Hongkong. It being declared that \$1,000 only will be paid in respect of any one death.  
J. Y. V. VERNON, AGENT.  
Hongkong, 1st October, 1895. [1350]

**THE CLUB HOTEL.** 5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.  
**HOTEL METROPOLE.** 1, TSUKUJI, TOKYO.  
FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT. Experienced English matron in attendance.  
The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.  
VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.  
Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.  
THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.  
C. T. BENNEY, Manager, YOKOHAMA. L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO. [160]

EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.  
**JASTRAM'S PATENT PETROLEUM ENGINES.**  
GOLDEN MEDAL.  
OF 2 TO 15 H.P.  
FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.  
WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.  
Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.  
A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch, with 4 H.P.  
Engines will be shown and full particulars be given on application.  
SCHEELE & CO., HONGKONG, SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.  
NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.  


## NOW OPEN.

## THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

J. TATAM, PROPRIETOR.  
Hongkong, 1st October, 1895. [1349]

**THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above COMPANY will be held at the Office of the COMPANY, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of October, 1895, at Twelve o'clock NOON, when the Subscribed Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 30th day of September, 1895, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—  
"That the Capital of the Company be Reduced from \$1,600,000, divided into 80,000 Shares of \$20 each to \$1,200,000, divided into 60,000 Shares of \$20 each; and that such reduction be effected by returning to the Holders of the 20,000 Shares which have been issued Capital to the extent of \$40 per Share, and by reducing the nominal amount of all the Shares from \$20 to \$15."  
Dated the 30th day of September, 1895.  
By Order of the Board,  
C. TOMLIN, Acting Secretary.  
[1344]

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary at 12 o'clock (NOON) on SATURDAY, the 10th October.  
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 10th October, both days inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.  
Hongkong, 26th September, 1895. [1318]

**HONGKONG TRADING CO.**  
FIRST CLASS HOSIERS.  
OUR STOCK IS NOW REPLETE WITH AUTUMN AND WINTER HOSIERY.  
TENNIS SHIRTS and SHOES, HATS, SCARVES, COLLARS, &c.  
GOOD QUALITIES, MODERATE PRICES.  
1 to 5, D'AGUIAR STREET, and under HONGKONG HOTEL.  
J. P. COTTAM, MANAGING PARTNER.  
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1895. [1355]

## Insurance.

BONUS YEAR.

## THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1825.

POLICIES ISSUED IN 1894 FOR £1,791,569.  
FUNDS ..... £8,000,000.  
The next DIVISION OF PROFITS will be as at 15th November next.  
BONUSES Declared at 15th November, 1895, £1,000,000.

### SPECIAL NOTICE.

"With Profits" Policies taken out before 15th November, 1895, will rank for one year's Bonus.  
DODWELL, CARILL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 16th August, 1895. [1100]

## TYPHOON INSURANCE NOTICE.

HOUSE OWNERS, TRUSTERS, MORTGAGEES and Others interested in HOUSE PROPERTY are informed that THE COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, are prepared to accept Risks against LOSS or DAMAGE by TYPHOONS at Moderate Rates.  
For Particulars, apply to  
WM. MACBEAN, LOCAL MANAGER, Hongkong Branch, Connaught House, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 1st July, 1895. [1869]

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**  
THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.  
SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [791]

**THE CHAI ON MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000  
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the World payable at any of its Agencies.  
CHAN HEWAN, Secretary.  
HEAD OFFICE, No. 42, BOND STREET WEST, Hongkong, 22nd August, 1895. [1134]

**GENERAL NOTICE.**  
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).  
CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$833,333-33.  
EQUAL TO ..... \$318,000.00.  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
Lai Sing, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.,  
Eou Tso SHUM, Esq.  
MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

**MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.**  
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1894. [1177]

**NOTICE.**  
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000  
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.  
CHAU TSUNG FAT, Secretary.  
HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 24th May, 1895. [1174]

**Auctions.**  
AUCTION SALE OF THE WRECK OF THE BRITISH STEAMER "SAINT PANCRAS" AND HER CARGO.  
THE Undersigned are instructed to Sell by AUCTION, for behalf of whom it may concern, AT  
No. 17, BATTERY ROAD, ON THURSDAY, the 10th October next, AT 2.30 P.M.  
The British Steamer "SAINT PANCRAS," 2,782 tons nett and 4,281 tons gross register, built by HARLAND & WOLFE, Limited, at Belfast, in 1893, and cleared 100 A. 1. The Vessel will be sold at the new lines as a wreck on the Samarang bank, about 25 miles distant from Labuan. She went ashore on 13th June last, and her decks are awash at low water. ALSO At the same time and place, for behalf of whom it may concern, is One Lot. The Cargo remaining on board the above Steamer which is believed to have consisted of about 2,750 tons Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sugar in Bags, 1,500 tons Copra in Bulk, 8,000 Bales Hemp. For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to  
McALISTER & Co., Shipping Auctioneers, Singapore, 14th September, 1895. [1099]



## Co-day's Advertisements.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

### PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF YEONG SHUEY LUN, alias YEONG SHU LUN, LATE OF YUNG CHUN, IN THE PRESENTURE OF SHU HING, IN THE EMPIRE OF CHINA, MANDARIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Honorable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Ordinance No. 9 of 1895, Section 3, made an Order Limiting to the 1st February, 1896, the time for Creditors and others to send in their CLAIMS against the above Estate, All Creditors are hereby required to send in their CLAIMS to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated this 4th day of October, 1895.  
VICTOR H. DEACON,  
Solicitor for the Executor,  
35, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong.

## GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE - MEXICAN DOLLARS, Current in this Colony, and weighing 7.17, - In Exchange for Sterling Bills, Drawn at 10 days' sight, on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the District Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M. on TUESDAY, the 8th instant.

The Tenders to state the total amount required (in Pounds Sterling), and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums less than £100.

Tenders to be in Duplicate and in sealed covers, addressed to the "District Paymaster, Army Pay Department," and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

G. K. MOORE,

Acting District Paymaster, China.

Her Majesty's Treasury Office,  
Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 4th October, 1895.

## STAMPS! STAMPS!

FORMOSAN REPUBLIC STAMPS. PROVISIONAL ISSUE. Orders Booked by

H. C. SHERMAN,

STAG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1895.

## DENTISTRY.

MR. SUI SANG,  
(Solely Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),  
DENTIST,  
No. 55, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, 4th October, 1895.

## BROWN, JONES & CO.

DEALERS IN  
ITALIAN AND AMERICAN MARBLE AND  
HONGKONG GRANITE CEMETERY  
MEMORIALS.  
LETTERS CUT AND FILLED WITH IMPERISHABLE  
LEAD CEMENT.

## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
COMPANY, LIMITED,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

## AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures. Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and other Large Consumers. Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

LIMITED.

## VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

Our First Supplies of these best Quality Seeds have arrived, and Orders will be executed in the sequence in which they are received as long as the supply lasts.

## SEED LISTS

HINTS FOR GARDENING have been issued and can be obtained on application.

Our Seeds are all tested before being put up in London.

They are packed under our own Supervision, and the greatest care is exercised to insure protection in transit.

Sowings should be made in FINE WEATHER, ONLY, and the remainder of the packets secured from damp, and kept in a dry place for repeat sowings.

## Intimations.

### CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high-class Fertilizer for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally.

It supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the Plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each.....\$1.75.  
25 lbs. ....\$4.50.

Directions for use are given on the Label.

### RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS" LAWN MOWERS.

The Best and Cheapest Machines in the Market. For Sale at Manufacturers' Prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.  
Hongkong, 12th August, 1895.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1895.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are glad to note the appointment of Mr. Kyshe as Registrar of the Supreme Court. We think it a good thing that neither of the local candidates have been selected. They are both too young and with too little business experience. The Registrar of the Supreme Court ought to be a man of a certain age, with considerable experience either as a solicitor or in the offices of the Court, and in the routine business of the Court, and with a very considerable knowledge of accounts and commercial affairs. If he possesses a sound knowledge of law in addition, so much the better, but the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hongkong is first of all *homme d'affaires*. He is the custodian and manager of all properties, land, houses, ships, and shares that come under the control of the Court through death, bankruptcy, disputed successions, or in any other way. He is the referee of the Court on all matters of account, in all inquiries as to families, properties, complicated statements of fact and other matters of such a character that it would be too difficult or too lengthy a business to investigate in open Court, and he ought to be a man of wide experience, with a special business training.

We do not say that Mr. Pollock would not have made in time a very excellent Registrar. We do not deny Mr. Sercombe Smith is in the possession of qualities which would have enabled him to serve the Colony well and ably in the appointment, but both would have had much to learn. Again, both Mr. Pollock and Mr. Sercombe Smith are young men and ambitious, and look upon the Registrarship as a mere steppingstone to the Bench. Now, we think, and have always thought, that the Registrarship should be a permanent office from which, as a rule, there should be no promotion. The constant changes in the Registry are destructive of all effective administration. The Registrar should be better paid than he is, and should get periodical increases of salary to compensate for the stay of promotion, but his position should be considered for him, and for his deputies, the top of the tree.

With the opinions we entertain about cadets it is hardly needful to say that we are pleased that an outsider has got the appointment. There are too many offices filled by cadets who have absolutely no knowledge or experience but what they have gained in this Colony. If it is impossible to give the Cadets the varied experience and great knowledge they would obtain by being shifted about from colony to colony, then it is as well to import new blood into the Colony occasionally, and to keep certain offices open to men from other places.

So the Chinese deny that the Ultimatum presented by Lord Salisbury had any effect whatever on their decision with reference to the Viceroy Liu, and that his degradation had been determined on before any Ultimatum was heard of. And the French Government claim for themselves that it was the exercise of their persuasive powers on the Chinese Government, and not the fear of anything the British Government could or would do that induced the Emperor to yield even an apparent compliance to the British demands. What a creditable position the British Government is made to occupy in the eyes of the Chinese and the Chinese but in the eyes of our Indian subjects, and of the semi-civilized people of the world—the Turks, the Arabs, the Persians, the Afghans—in our dealings with whom our position and prestige are of the highest importance. European diplomats may have the laugh at us over the affair but they will have made the mistake of under-estimating our real wealth and power and ability to hold our own, but in the eyes of all Asiatic tribes and nations we may possibly suffer.

Lord Salisbury, if he be wise, will meet these denials of the Chinese Minister and these insinuations of the French Government by formally announcing in the Imperial Decree degrading Liu that it was done on the complaint, and at the demand of Great Britain, and Lord Salisbury, if he be equal to the position, will follow up that blow by demanding the removal from office of the Pukhien Viceroy, who is not like Liu, a notoriously unfaithful servant of his Government.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

### ANOTHER SHUFFLE.

LONDON, October 4.  
The Chinese Legation states that the degradation of the Viceroy of Szechuan was decided upon before the presentation of the British ultimatum.

### A REMARKABLE NOTE.

A French official Note ascribes the decision of the Chinese Government to the pacific pressure brought to bear by France; the British Foreign Office, on the other hand states that the ultimatum was presented before the degradation of the Viceroy and that it doubtless induced China to submit to the British demands.

### MORE ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

The details to hand of a Armenian riots at Constantinople are of the gravest nature. The result of the attempted procession to the Porte to present a petition being opposed by the police, the crowd resisted and the Major of the Gendarmerie was shot and general riots ensued. Eighty were killed and wounded. Further disturbances occurred yesterday; there is great alarm in the palace and troops patrol the streets.

### GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

There is much comment on the fact of the Emperor William's aide-de-camp, Major von Moltke, having conveyed an autograph letter to the Czar of Russia.

### RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

Prince Lobanoff, "being his way at Paris" has had frequent conferences with M. Hanotaux, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play (weather permitting) at the Public Gardens on Monday next, the 7th inst., at 9 p.m.

THE H.K. & MACAO STEAMSHIP CO.'s "night boats" now leave the wharf, bound for the fair City of Rome, at 5.30 every evening, except on Saturdays.

OWING to the illness of one of the members of the troupe, the performance of the Ching Ling-fu troupe of acrobats and magicians has had to be postponed for one week—to Saturday, 12th inst.

A CORRESPONDENT requests us to call attention to the disgraceful condition of Elgin Street. We do so with pleasure, for we are fully aware that not only Elgin Street but many other thoroughfares need attention at the hands of the Roads Man.

In the course of the next few days there will be published at the office of this journal a pocket-book specially compiled for the use and ready reference of "sports" interested in the Hongkong, Shanghai and other China coast port race-meetings.

At the Magistracy today Capt. Burnie charged his two chair-coolies with unlawfully leaving his service without notice, and also for interfering with his other servants by attempting to prevent them from doing their work. The magistrate imposed a fine of \$5 each.

At the magistracy today a Chinaman, who was a passenger from Singapore in the P. & O. steamer *Shanghai*, was charged with stealing a box containing \$333, the property of another Chinaman who died on board a day after the vessel left Singapore. The evidence of two Chinese who came up by the same boat was taken, after which the case was adjourned till the 11th inst., the defendant being let out on bail in two sureties of \$250 each.

THERE will be a meeting of members of the Hongkong Chess Club at the office of Mr. H. E. Pollock, 18 Bank Buildings, on Friday, the 11th of October, at 5 p.m., to elect officers, consider a programme of events, and settle rules for competitions. All those who are interested in the game are requested to attend, and persons desirous of joining the Club are invited to send their names to Mr. Pollock. The entrance fee is \$3 and the subscription for the season \$2.

WE would remind the many well-wishers of that admirable institution the Alice Memorial Hospital of the postponed Concert to be given at Mount Austin Hotel to-morrow, commencing at 9.15 p.m. With every prospect of fine weather, a most attractive programme, the assistance of all our leading amateurs secured, and Sir William Robinson in the chair, the few remaining tickets at *2/-* and the Mount Austin should not only find buyers, but be saleable even at a considerable premium.

WHAT is this disease that is coming upon us? Yesterday only four steamers entered this port, aggregating 5,724 tons, and to-day none! Why, this "caps" anything that happened to us during the epidemic of plague! It is most remarkable, and if this goes on much longer like this, why, we shall have, *adieu* *valais*, to dismise our genial and painstaking Harbour Master and the smart-as-a-trap Boarding Officers about their business; sweep the whole of the clerical staff of the H. O. clean out of the place; sell the Harbour Master's gig and speedy launch; and as for the H. O. ledgers and tide-indicator—why they'll have to be allowed to go for whatever they'll fetch in an auction room. Really this is too bad! Just as we were thinking of recommending Boarding Officer Jones (who has done a lot of extra work in the office and is quite the right man in the right place) for an increase of pay, and at the same time suggest that Mr. Meugens, his trusty henchman, be voted a brand-new suit of brass-bound uniform with gilt-edged cap shown in—lo think that our shipping trade should suddenly get down to zero is surely one of the greatest misfortunes that could possibly befall the Colony, and so of course "increases" are dead hot, for the present at all events. It is to be hoped that this state of things won't last much longer. Shipping is the life-blood of the Colony, and as the ocean-greyhound *Capitol* is timed to arrive here to-morrow and lots of other fine steamers are believed to be making the best of their way, it is, probably, before long, our shipping returns will be 'a' the same before—Ah-men!

As will be seen by an advertisement appearing in another column, Mr. Sherman, the popular Manager of the Stag Hotel, is prepared to book orders for a limited number of the provisional issue of the post-stamps of the Formosan Republic, whose headquarters is at Taiwafoo.

At the Magistracy to-day the late Chinese interpreter of the steamer *Empress of Japan* was brought up for trial for cutting and wounding a prostitute, a full report of which was published in our issue of 28th Sept. The evidence of the complainant and witnesses having been taken, the prisoner was remanded till Tuesday.

THE Japanese Government have received a communication from the Secretary of the International Sanitary Exhibition, which will be opened in Germany this month inviting exhibits. Surgeon-General Ishiguro proposed sending to the Exhibition more than thirty water-colour paintings 4.5 feet, by 3 feet, embodying the experiences of the Sanitary corps during the late war.

HERR's very neat sample of "English as she is wrote" just as it came to hand to-day from the fortunate recipient:—

"Hongkong 3/10/95

Mrs. Heidefenn how are you God bless you The day is in to Fever and to Catch cold and to pain in the Bones and to headache and By and by I to Good I go to you house in Boy will I good I see Londonmission Mr makeham

Boy Wan ying tui."

THE new foreign bachelery started by Mr. Tatum shows every sign of being a great success. The first day no Chinese assistants were engaged, and the work was found to be exceedingly difficult for one person, but now Chinese cutters are at work and the very large business is being handled expeditiously and carefully. Mr. Tatum selects only the best cattle and kills under his own supervision, thus ensuring best quality of meat only. The Chinese butchers look askance on the venture but so far have shown no intention of doing anything to obstruct the business.

THE powers that be have decided to withdraw the troops from Penang to Singapore. For this purpose a vote of \$75,000 was asked from the Straits Legislative Council, but the officials unanimously refused to assent to such a transfer of money. The sums already voted for buildings at Blakang Mati had been taken, despite of the unofficial vote by means of the official majority. The officials, therefore, could not assent to the transfer of any such money. Further, they objected to vote any money for barracks during the present state of the military contribution controversy. In particular, they wanted an answer to the question sent home, asking a precise definition of the Colony's liability for land and buildings. Permission to take the money was therefore refused.

HAWAII is, according to the *Frisco Call*, reaching out for cable connection with the world. The bill pending in the Hawaiian Legislature invites proposals from all governments, corporations and individuals. The United States can hardly find fault with the Hawaiian Government for making its overtures general, for the States cannot expect the islands to remain in a condition of isolation for an indefinite period of time. Should the American Congress show a disposition to join with the Hawaiian Government in the construction and maintenance of the cable, the *Call* thinks the latter government will without doubt respond. A member of the Hawaiian Senate asked if the proposed bill would conflict with existing treaties with the United States, and the reply was that care would be taken that it should not. The *San Francisco Commercial News* of the 30th August says: "The Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce listened on Friday afternoon to the plans of Z. S. Spaulding, the promoter of the San Francisco and Hawaii cable project. The meeting was held in the committee-room of the Chamber of Commerce. When the session was over the Trustees expressed their hearty sympathy with the undertaking, and pledged themselves to aid it to the full extent of their power. Mr. Spaulding has gone East to enlist the interest of the United States Government in the enterprise. If successful the American end of the cable will land at Monterey Bay and the other end near Honolulu, making the first link in the trans-Pacific cable to Australia."

WORTHY OF IMITATION.—Paris is said to be the cleanest city in the world. Every morning 2,000 male and 600 female scavengers, divided into one hundred and forty-nine brigades, turn out to perform the toilet of the capital. The men work from four in the morning to four in the evening; less two hours off for meals, or ten hours a day. The women are engaged in the morning only. Night work in Paris is, it seems, unknown—at any rate, to the regular scavengers. Should a shower occur in the evening, reserves are sent out to clear away the slush and make the streets clean again.

THE Japanese *Official Gazette* gives the following returns of the export of matches during the month of August, 1895:

Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
Cross.	Ten.	Cross.	Ten.	
Hongkong.....	717,917	198,059.60	106,650	2,354.00
Brit India.....	188,270	53,135.20	27,550	7,181.00
China.....	301,715	80,416.00	87,400	29,755.50
Korea.....	36,731	8,410.94	850	231.00
Philippine Is.....	3,350	1,125.00	—	—
United States.....	1,550	439.25	—	—
Australia.....	9,850	2,783.50	—	—
Other Coun.....	16	4.08	—	—
Total.....	1,282,819	344,369.57	126,450	40,041.50

A YOKOHAMA paper calls attention to the fact that Mexico appears to have hit upon a very good plan for stopping duels. A Colonel Romero recently shot another Colonel in a duel, and he has now been condemned to three years and four months' imprisonment with a fine of \$1,800 or one hundred days' additional imprisonment. He is to be kept in the prison for eighteen years to the widow of the deceased, and to pay \$400 towards the cost of his funeral, and to pay the costs of the trial. The making the successful duellist support the family of his victim seems a prize-worthy practice which might be introduced with advantage into other countries where duelling still prevails. It is a somewhat mean way of settling serious differences with one's fellows. Nerve, not bull-dog pluck and ferocity, usually settles the question in duels, which at the best are unnecessary.

## COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

A combined meeting of the general council and students of the above named College was held in the Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a rector. His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., presided, and there were also present Sir Fielding Clarke, Hon. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart, Hon. E. R. Bellios, C.M.G., J. J. Francis, Q.C., Dr. Thompson, M.A., M.D., E. Niedhart, and the students of the College.

After the meeting had been called to order by his Excellency the Governor, the retiring Rector, Sir Fielding Clarke, proposed as much indeed for the very great honour they had done him, and that he felt it would be impossible for him to fill the post as well as those who had gone before him—Sir James Russell or Sir Fielding Clarke. But, he added, he would do his best for the interests of the College, so far as lay in his power. (Applause.)

His Excellency, in reply, expressed great pleasure in having been able to preside at the election, adding that he would now feel perfectly justified in refusing to grant leave of absence to the Colonial Secretary for the next two years. The meeting then broke up.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of this company was held in the Company's hotel at noon to-day. Mr. E. Osborne, the Chairman, presiding, and there were also present Messrs. W. Parfit, R. C. Wilcox (Directors), T. Wright, W. H. Potts, J. C. Peter, F. N. Flith, Ip Chee Tong, Tam Yai Lam, Ho Yau Nam, Leung Fik Kam, Ho Fook, She Po Shan and A. Fonseca (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the report and accounts as read. The profits for the period under review are as follows:—The profit for the corresponding half of 1894. The working expenses of the Hotel have been debited with \$1,050 for the passage money to England of our former manager and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. Tucker) which, under their agreement, they were entitled to. The profit and loss account has been debited with a further sum of \$1,301 for arrears of his commission and for the salary due to him up to the expiration of his agreement, which in the ordinary course of events would have run on till May of this year. These two items, amounting to \$2,351, may be regarded as quite exceptional. You will notice an item of \$5,047.43 specially referred to in the report as representing bad and doubtful debts prior to 1895. I may explain that they attach principally to 1892, and are owing by persons some of whom are dead and their estates worthless, by others who have left the Colony, and by a great many more whose names are unknown to us—the explanation of this being that managers were permitted to avail of the cash system then in force, and such efforts as were made to recover the debts were in too many cases not successful. These old debts have since had the personal attention of your Directors and the Company's solicitors, and a percentage may yet be collected, but a very large proportion are irrecoverable and will have to be written off. I am happy to say that since the cash system was introduced, about two years ago, our bad debts have been trivial, and under the present regime they are practically nil, and will, I think, continue to be so. On the subject of management I desire to say that both Mr. Tucker and Mr. Richardson asked permission to resign, and the Board decided it would be to the interest of the Hotel that their resignations should be accepted. The management at present is conducted by Mr. Fonseca, under the personal guidance of the Directors, and, judging by the results of three months' working under this system, the change is, I venture to say, a success. The cash receipts at the hotel have increased the number of monthly boarders is steadily augmenting, and on all sides we have gratifying testimony as to the improved cleanliness and comfort of the Hotel. The victualling arrangements we are conducting ourselves under our new Chinese manager, Mr. She Po Shan, instead of contracting as formerly, and the excellence of our menus is testified to by the increased dining room receipts. And notwithstanding the greatly improved quality of food, the cost is less than under the old unsatisfactory contract system. But whilst we hope and believe that our efforts to place this magnificent, but hitherto unfortunate, hotel upon a paying basis will eventually succeed, we wish to say that before this desired end can be attained a considerable sum will have to be spent on renewal of furniture, etc., most of our present stock being shabby and unsuitable, and the furniture, which now stands in our books at \$25,000, will have to be written down largely. The hotel building is in very good order and will need but little expenditure upon it for some time to come, but the old building will require many repairs from time to time. You will observe with satisfaction, that that very promising asset the "Fraser Reclamation now stands in the Company's books at \$125,543.17, which, it is needless to say, is below its real value. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, if any gentleman has any question to ask, I shall be happy to reply.

The Chairman (after a brief pause):—There being no questions, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Peter—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Flith—I beg to propose the re-election of Messrs. Osborne and Wilcox as directors for the ensuing year.

Mr. Wright—I beg to second that.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried without dissent.

Mr. Parfit—I beg to propose the election of Messrs. W. H. Potts and W. H. Gaskell as auditors for the next year.

Mr. Wilcox—I second that.

Carried.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, that finishes the business. I thank you for your attendance. The meeting then terminated.

## SQUEEZE RIDGIN.

The Chinese "washermen" of the colony are very wrath about the Sanitary Board's new regulations for wash-houses, which will, we understand, come into force on the 15th instant. It seems that the officials of the Sanitary Board have called on all the managers of Chinese washing establishments and carefully explained the gist of the new rules to them so that they shall have no excuse for carrying on their business in the slipshod manner which the *Hongkong Telegraph* exposed about two years ago. The washermen have been warned that if they strike their leaders will be expelled, or, to be more exact, deported, and that it will be better for them in every way to lose no time in reorganizing their business on more up-to-date lines than heretofore. The latter have, it seems, met together and decided not to strike, but, on the contrary, take the tide at the flood and turn the situation to their own pecuniary advantage, i.e., go in for a little of the "squeeze piggin" for which the heathen Chinese is said to be quite peculiar. With this object in view they intend to charge in future \$5 per 100 pieces for men's clothing and \$6 per 100 for washing the garments of the fair sex, and put up the price for ships' washing about a hundred per cent. This will be done on the plea of covering the extra expenses caused by the enforcement of the provisions of the new regulations, which are regarded as unnecessarily tiresome and quite superfluous.

That the city drying and ironing rooms of many, not all, of the Chinese washermen are unsuited for the purpose to which they are put, and are used as sleeping compartments by the coolies employed in the business, there is no more room for doubt than there is in respect to the generally unsatisfactory manner in which the washing of the colony has been carried on for years past, and some improvement is therefore as desirable as it will doubtless be welcome. But the proposed "squeeze" would be a decided drawback, and we are therefore pleased to learn that some Europeans have a scheme on foot for the importation of Japanese washermen. It is proposed, we believe, to get a dozen or two Japanese washermen down here next month from Nagasaki, if sufficient inducement—promises of patronage—is offered to the promoters, who in the course of a day or two will probably forward their circulars to the entire European community of the colony.

Until we receive a copy of the circular referred to it would be premature to criticize the scheme in detail, but it appears clear that no harm could result from the presence of a few Japanese washermen here. They would exercise a wholesome check on the Chinese, and probably, while earning a good living for themselves, virtually prevent the Chinese man-covering for a monstrous *spinnis* which would not be far removed from "raising the wind" by means of blackmail.

## LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.  
October 4th.

THE following cases have been set for the respective dates:—

Monday 7th October.  
1757—Sui Heung Cheung and others v. Ho Hing.....\$ 80.00

Tuesday 8th October.  
1593—Leung Cha v. Cheong Tang.....1,000.00

Wednesday 9th October.  
1729—W. E. van Epp v. C. Cornell.....300.00  
1641—Lo Sui Tong v. Chan Yat Shun.....\$700.00

Thursday 10th October.  
1654—Tsu Chong v. Chan Kam Tong and others.....661.90

Friday 11th October.  
1733—H. Wilton v. Butterfield and Swire.....755.33  
1758—Ng Siu Fan and others v. Wong Fong.....418.15

Judgment was given in the following cases for the plaintiff, undefended:—  
1773—Colonial Treasurer v. Cheung Hl.....219  
1797.....Ho Kiu.....390

1799—Jewan Singh v. S. S. Ramjiam.....120.00  
In this case, a suit for money lent, the plaintiff on entering the box stated he was a police constable; His Lordship stopped the case, pointing out that it was against the Police regulations for a constable to sue for money lent. The solicitor for the plaintiff, Mr. J. H. Hargrave, thought the regulations could not have been so strictly enforced. His Lordship thought the regulations had the force of law, but as the plaintiff said he had verbal permission from the acting Captain Superintendent to bring the suit he put the case on next Friday's list, at the same time warning the plaintiff that he should have permission in writing and that in any case he would have to bear the consequences of the breach of the regulations, which he (His Lordship) would study in the meantime.

1799—Ho Kit v. Leung Yau.....108.00  
In this case defendant admitted borrowing \$45 two years ago, but the plaintiff made out that he had paid in addition \$30 to a loan association for the defendant. The loan people said the money from the association had been drawn



## CLIPPINGS FROM HOME PAPERS.

LONDON, August 30th.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND ON THE UPPER

MEKONG.—The Paris *Debat* of the 29th says:—

“The creation of a neutral zone was not in itself

difficult. A direct frontier between civilised

Powers involves considerably less difficulties

than the interpolation of a neutralised native

State in which both neighbours cannot fail to

accuse each other of intrigues. But it was

not the momentary moment of the protocol

of 1893, ‘by means of reciprocal contributions,’

and both England and France were to abandon

territories, so that the buffer State might extend

along both banks of the Mekong. The situation,

on the contrary, is completely changed now

that England claims not only to have exclusive

access on the Upper Mekong, but also to occupy

both its banks and to make use alone pay the

costs of a buffer State in order to throw its

back towards the English and outside the trade

routes leading to China by the valley of the

great Indo-Chinese river. It is impossible to

imagine a more absolute disregard of the rights

and interests of another party. Those rights

and interests our diplomacy, we are convinced,

will know how to defend.”

AN AUDITOR'S POSITION.—“An auditor does

not discharge his duty in merely examining

the books. It is his duty to make such inquiries

as will satisfy him that the books disclose the

true position of the company.” These are the

words of Lord Justice Lindley in his judgment

in *Re The London and General Bank*, and are

nothing short of this obligation on the part

of auditors will satisfy the commercial world. But

it is one thing for the law to exact this obligation

from auditors and another to show how auditors

are to comply with it—at the usual auditor's fee.

Nothing will disclose the true position of a

company but a valuation of its assets. This is

an elementary financial truth, and shareholders

and auditors must reckon with it. At present

there is no such thing. The auditor finds a

loan, for instance, in the bank's books, and

told it is made against a deposit of securities,

and a bundle of title-deeds is shown him. How

is he to form an estimate of the value of the

securities? The thing is impossible, but it will

have to be done by the auditor or somebody

else.—*Law Journal*.

ELECTRICITY AT SEA.—Some interesting

experiments have been made on the viability

of the electric light at sea by the Government

of the United States, Germany, and the Netherlands.

The result of the experiments of the German

committee was, that a white light of 1 candle-

power was visible 1.4 mile on a dark, clear night,

and one mile on a rainy night. The American

tests resulted as follows:—In very clear weather

a light of 1 candle-power was plainly visible at

one nautical mile, one of 3 candle-power at two

miles, one of ten candle-power was seen by the

aid of a binocular at four miles, one of 29 candle-

power faintly at five miles, and one of 33 candle-

power plainly at five miles. On an exceptionally

clear night a white light of 3.2 candle-

power was readily distinguished at three miles,

one of 5.6 candle-power at four miles, and one

of 17.2 candle-power at five miles. In the Dutch

department the results were almost similar, but

a 16 candle-power light was plainly visible at

five miles. For a green light the power required

was 2 for one mile, 15 for two miles, 51 for three

miles, and 106 for four miles. The result of tests

with red light were almost identical with those

with green, but it was conclusively proved that

a white light was by far the most easily seen.”

—*Electric Review*.

THE NEW BATTLESHIP, “PRINCE GEORGE.”

—The *Prince George* is one of the nine first-

class battleships which are ordered to be built

under the Spencer programme. The principal

dimensions of the ship are:—Length between

perpendiculars, 390 feet; breadth, extreme, 75

feet; mean draft of water, 27 feet 6 inches; dis-

placement when fully equipped, about 15,000

tons. She will be fitted with twin screws, each

of which will be driven by an independent set

of engines with three vertical cylinders and of

12,000 horse-power, giving a total horse-power of

24,000 for both sets of engines, with a working

pressure in the boilers of 120 lbs. per square

inch, and an air pressure in the smoke-chests

equal to 1 inch of water. The amount of coal

usually carried is 4,000 tons, but the vessel has

a total stowage capacity of 2,200 tons. The

ammunition is also supplied to the guns

through passages and trunks, which are all

either constructed of armour or are under pro-

tection of armour. The advantages gained by

threw up his appointment in disgust when he

learned that the sentence had been carried out.

It is quite safe to say, on the basis of the

statement of the fact of the execution, that the

Major showed bloodthirsty precipitation. Every consideration

of mercy, of prudence, and, in this particular

instance, of international courtesy, should have

prompted delay. There would always have

been time to have Mr. Stokes, if he deserved

it, and his Belgian judges owed the fullest

explanations to his fellow-countrymen before

they carried their dreadful sentence into

effect. They still owe them and the world all

possible explanations as to their right to pass

the sentence. The Congo Free State is the

creature of international agreement, and it

derives all its powers and rights in regard to

the prohibition of the importation of arms from

its creator. The Brussels Act does not confer

upon it, upon its agents, the dismal privilege

of the gallows. The Powers merely undertake

to punish their own offending subjects with fine

and imprisonment, and of course they do not

give the slightest authorisation to the Congo

Free State to supplement this penalty with

death. It is a grievous business as it stands,

and the sooner Belgium recognises the respon-

sibilities of honour, morality, and political inter-

ests, the better for all the parties

concerned.—*Daily News*.

AMERICAN LION TRAP.—Mr. Chamber-

lain's speech on the lion traffic in Africa is the

object of much criticism in the German papers.

According to the *Kölnische Zeitung*, the speech

must have caused in Germany “just surprise,”

because it appears to attempt to throw on

Germany and France the blame for the increase

in that traffic, whereas the Brussels Conference

dealt with the question so as to prevent such an

increase. The Rhenish organ thinks it highly

probable that if England makes practical

proposals for the limitation of the traffic in

Africa, Germany at least will consider them

in a very friendly spirit. The *Hamburger**Nachrichten* concludes an article on the same

topic with the remark that “it is nice to saddle

other nations, rightly or wrongly, with the

responsibility for your own faults,” which is as

much as to say that it is Jamaica, not

Hamburg potato spirit, that is the chief danger

to the natives of West Africa.

A CURIOUS CRAB.—One of the most singular-

looking creatures that ever walked the earth is

the “swamp” crab, under the name of which

the scientific name of *Gecarcinus lateralis*. Its

body is hardly an inch in length, yet the head

is fitted with a face which is the perfect counter-

part of that of a Chinese, complete with a

missing link, with eyes, nose, and mouth all

clearly defined. This curious and uncanny

creature, besides the great likeness it bears to

a human being in the face, is provided with two

legs, which seem to grow from the top of its

head and hang down over the sides of its face.

Besides these legs, two feelers, each about an

inch in length, grow from the chin of the animal,

looking for all the world like a forked beard.

The crab-crabs swarm in the inland seas of

Japan.—*Naturalist*.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,

LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED IN 1864 AND RE-INCORPORATED IN 1880 UNDER

“THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1864.”

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$2,500,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$1,025,000

The following is the report for presentation to

the shareholders at the fourteenth ordinary

general meeting, to be held at the office of the

General Agents, on the 19th instant.

The General Agents and Consulting Commis-

sionaries have pleasure in laying before the share-

holders the final accounts for the year 1894, and

an estimate of the present year's underwriting to

the 30th ultimo.

1894 ACCOUNT.

The balance at credit of this account is

\$542,455.65, out of which the sum of \$263,693.97

has already been paid for a dividend of 10 per

cent. to shareholders and a bonus of 20 per cent.

to contributors of premium. Subject to the approval

of shareholders, it has been decided to dispose

of the remaining balance of \$278,761.68 by

adding to reserve fund \$175,000, by

increasing to \$1,000,000, paying a final dividend

of 65 per cent. and carrying forward the sum

of \$43,761.68 to 1895 account.

1895 ACCOUNT.

This account shows an estimated balance at

credit of \$795,352.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

The present members, Messrs. Dalrymple,

By losses and claims paid.....\$ 3,749.31

charges, including directors',

auditors', and survey fees,

agents' expenses, &amp;c.....79,094.04

commissions.....124,632.70

balance as above.....542,455.65

\$1,589,991.76

ESTIMATE OF WORKING ACCOUNT TO THE 30TH

SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Dr.

To premium, less re-insurances.....\$1,110,550.00

interest received and accrued.....88,000.00

exchange.....50.00

transfer fees.....50.00

\$1,249,100.00

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By losses paid and outstanding.....\$ 407,750.00

charges paid and accrued.....54,000.00

commissions paid and accrued.....87,000.00

balance.....676,352.00

\$1,219,102.00

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE.

The following summarized returns of the

country's foreign trade for the month of August,

1895, are taken from the *Advertiser's* translationfrom the Japanese *Official Gazette*—

Exports.

Subject to

Duty.....\$1,234,618.90

Free of

Duty.....\$714,850.76

Ship's Use.....\$33,679.51

Total.....\$1,618,149.26

Imports.

Subject to

Duty.....\$1,054,207.82

Free of

Duty.....\$1,248,155.08

Ship's Use.....\$1,656,630.26

Total.....\$2,302,362.90

Excess of Exports over Imports.....\$ 442,107.31

Total of Exports and Imports.....\$2,070,801.47

VALUE OF COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM

AND IMPORTED INTO EACH PORT.

Exports.

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SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

Indian (*Arcton*) to-morrow.American (*Copie*) to-morrow.English (*Kaiser-i-Hind*) 6th inst.Australian (*Taiyuan*) 7th inst.Canadian (*Empress of China*) 8th inst.Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 11th inst.Australian (*Chingtu*) 11th inst.American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 22nd inst.THE D. D. R. steamship *Agata* is due here

on or about the 10th inst. from Singapore. She

will call here en route to Yokohama.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

None.

DEPARTURES.

Yuenanong.....steamer, for Manila.

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Shanghai....." " " " " " " " " " " "

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F. P. Litchfield....." " " " " " " " " " " "

Lyndhurst....." " " " " " " " " " " "

Aggregating 9,292 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Kaito Maru.....in Kowloon Dock.

Hsiao Rickmers....." " "



## Intimations.

## NORTH BORNEO REVENUE FARMS.

TENDERS will be received by the SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR, SANDAKAN, on or before 10th NOVEMBER next, for the following REVENUE FARMS for 1896:-

OPIMUM FARM, North Borneo East Coast, SPIRIT LICENSE FARM, North Borneo, Prov. Alcock (Kudat), PAW-BROCKING FARM, North Borneo, CUSTOMS FARM OF IMPORT AND EXPORT DUTIES, North Borneo, GAMBLING RESTRICTION, for North Borneo only.

BLACHAN, BIRDS-NEST, WHARF DUES AND MARKET DUES, North Borneo only. TENDERS for these FARMS may be made for the whole of the District Province or for each District and Province separately. For Particulars, apply to the Hongkong or Singapore Agents of the BRITISH NORTH BORNEO COMPANY.

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Hongkong, 12th July, 1895. [1243]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"ARGYLL,"

Captain Duncan, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1895. [1282]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"TANTALUS,"

Captain Hannah, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 6th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1895. [1307]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND

PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Steamship

"CHANGSHA,"

J. E. Williams, Commander, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 10th October, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.

The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1895. [1332]

FOR SINGAPORE, HAYRE AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers if sufficient inducement offered.)

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

THE Steamship

"FRIGGA,"

Captain F. Voss, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 10th October, at 3 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1895. [1340]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"CONCH,"

Captain E. S. Baker, will be despatched as above on or about the 10th October.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1895. [1285]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENSHIEL,"

Captain R. D. Jones, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 12th October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1895. [1305]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain Nelson, R.N.R., will be despatched on MONDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1895. [1283]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENEARN,"

Captain Murray, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 24th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1895. [1248]

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THE Company's Steamship

"WINGSANG,"

Captain J. Young, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 5th October, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1895. [1336]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, NEWCHANG, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"TAISANG,"

Captain S. Wilde, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1895. [1362]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURACHCHEE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT AND ADRIATIC PORTS, also to NATAL, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA TERESA,"

Captain V. Ghermann, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY (P.M.), the 5th October.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1895. [1216]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ENERGIA,"

Captain Law, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 8th instant, at Noon.

Instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1895. [1274]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"LENNOX,"

Captain Williamson, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1895. [1356]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Steamship

"HUPEH,"

Captain Everist will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 15th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1895. [1363]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS,"

Captain Gregory, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1895. [1364]

## SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK

THE 3/3 L.L. American Ship

"P. N. BLANCHARD,"

Blanchard, Master, is now loading for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG &amp; Co.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1895. [1016]

FOR NEW YORK

THE 3/3 A.L. American Ship

"SAINT JAMES,"

Clifford, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

CARLOWITZ &amp; Co.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1895. [1281]

FOR NEW YORK

THE 3/3 L.L. American Bark

"ADAM W. SPIES,"

Field, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

CARLOWITZ &amp; Co.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1895. [1078]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"LYNDHURST,"

Martin, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1895. [707]

## Consignees.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "OLIVE BRANCH,"

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 9th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been arranged, and Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1895. [1277]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"WINGSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from tomorrow.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer on board after 4 P.M. of the 2nd October, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1895. [1357]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "PERU."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from Along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1895. [1271]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

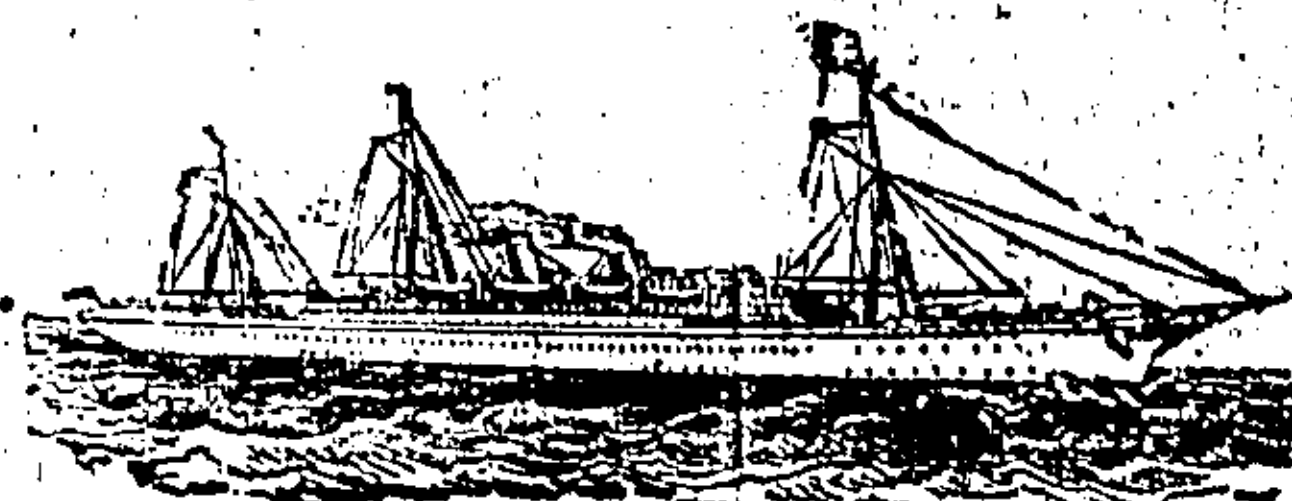
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Hongkong, 24th June, 1895. [1268]

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EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 30th October.

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EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 25th December.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY leaving there daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets at various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney (Australia), via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits. Good for 9 months, £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embraces its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Line passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

Paddis Street. [3]

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1895.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Island Sea, Yokohama &amp; Honolulu) Tuesday, 17th Oct., at Noon.

Gaulle (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Island Sea &amp; Yokohama) Tuesday, 5th Nov., at Noon.

THE Steamship

"COPTIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU on THURSDAY, the 17th October, at Noon. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1895. [1271]

## NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.